and the number of cases of the sale of properties for its realisation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—As the question does not specify the period for which the information is sought for, no definite answer can be given.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—I am sorry I left out the year. May I know whether as a matter of fact coercive steps have been taken and whether the number of sales has increased in this year than last year?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—All the notices about sales have not reached me. But from the very few that have come to me, I have no reason to apprehend that there has been an increase.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether the attention of the Government of Cochin has been drawn to a recent circular issued by the Minister of the Central Provinces that coercive steps be not taken for collection of arrears of land revenue? Have you come across that?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—I saw it in the papers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—In the light of that, will you help the ryots by adopting some similar provision, if not the exact, at least something like that?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Without making any pretensions, we have passed many more circulars of a better sort even before.

Construction of roads—five year plan—particulars regarding.

153. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the programme of five year plan for the construction of roads has been strictly carried out;

(2) whether any new roads not provided in the five year plan have been taken up; and if so, the names of those roads and the amount spent for the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

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(1) Yes.

(2) No.

Water communication—Kunnamkulam—opening of.

154. **Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government has received any representation in 1112 for opening water communication to Kunnamkulam; and if so,

(b) what steps have been taken in the matter;

(c) whether there has been any correspondence in the matter with the Government of Madras; and if so,

(d) at what stage is the correspondence now;

(e) whether both Governments have come to any definite understanding; and if so,

(f) what is it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) A resolution passed by a committee in Kunnamkulam on 6th March 1937 requesting to carry out the scheme has been received.

(b) and (c). The question is under correspondence with the Madras Government.

(d), (e) and (f). The Cochin Government offered to defray all the expenses to construct the canal and the Madras Government replied that they will then not have any objection to allow this canal to be built subject, however, to certain conditions. Further negotiations are under progress.

Tender—Komanthuruthi-Thevara (Chenganad) bridge—particulars regarding.

155. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether tender was called for the Komanthuruthi-Thevara (Chenganad) bridge;

(b) who has been given the contract and for what sum; what are the terms of the contract;

(c) what progress, if any, has been made in the work?

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